



STARFEST WEEK

TISBURY, 14 – 21 MARCH 2026



In partnership with Cranborne Chase National Landscape
International Dark Sky Reserve

Saturday 14 March

Muppets from Space 10am in Victoria Hall

Sci-fi comedy film for all the family (Adult £8, U-16 £5, Family £20.00)

The Stars are Up! 2-4pm in Fox & King Bookshop*

Family friendly storytelling every 25 mins with Lizzie Bryant (for age 6+)

Close Encounters of the Third Kind 7.30pm in Victoria Hall

Classic sci-fi film from Steven Spielberg (Adult £8, U-16 £5, Family £20.00)



Sunday 15 March

StarFest Mothering Sunday Service 9.30am in St John's Church

With star-themed activities for children and take-away posies for loved ones

Choral Evensong 'Creator of the Stars of Night' 6pm in St John's Church

A special service of music and readings celebrating the stars and sky

Monday 16 March

Planetarium sessions 2.30, 3.30 & 4.45pm in Nadder Centre*

Enter the dome and be amazed at simulations of the night sky (adults & 7+)

Live Stargazing 7.30 - 9pm in King George V Playing Field*

Guided by Steve Tonkin & others, with telescopes set up to show galaxies, nebulae & more

Shaftesbury Symphony Orchestra 7.30 – 10.15pm in Methodist Church

LIVE in Tisbury, classical music specially curated for StarFest (Adult £12, U-16 £6, Family £28)



Tuesday 17 March



Planetarium session 3.15pm in Nadder Centre*

Space Detectives 3.15 & 4.15 in Nadder Centre*

Fun, hands-on space science/technology & craft activities with Jo Richardson (for age 6+)

Capture the Night Sky 8 – 9.30pm in Hinton Hall*

An introduction to landscape astrophotography with Louise McKenna & Josh Dury

Boot Inn Monthly Quiz – StarFest Special 8 – 10.15pm in The Boot Inn

For further details & bookings visit

tisbury-pc.gov.uk/starfest-2026/

***Events marked by an asterisk are FREE but MUST be prebooked**
Book through the website or call 01747 260088/visit the Parish Council Office

NB: Dates and timings of some events may be subject to change

Wednesday 18 March

Planetarium Session 3.15pm in Nadder Centre*

Lighting, Biodiversity and Health 8 - 9.30pm in Hinton Hall*

Discover how important our dark skies really are with Steve Tonkin FRAS, Dark Sky Advisor



Thursday 19 March

StarFest Afternoon Tea 2.30 – 4.15pm Victoria Hall

Lunar landing plus Moon Myth and Magic with Lizzie Bryant (£5 – call Marion on 870813 to book)

'Star Walk Stories' Nightwalk 6.30 for 7 – 9.15pm, Messums West*

Join Lizzie Bryant with Tisbury Footpath Club for a dusk-to-dark 'story walk' (adults & 14+)

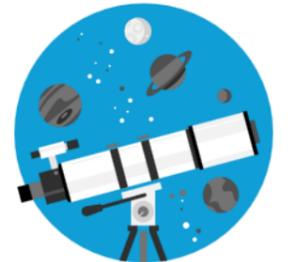
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Friday 20 March

Planetarium Session 2.30pm in Victoria Hall*

Space Detectives 2.30pm in Methodist Church Hall*

Live Stargazing 7.30 - 9pm in King George V Playing Field*



Saturday 21 March

The Stars are Up! 2-4pm in Fox & King Bookshop*

Rockforte & The Blues Birds 7.30pm in Victoria Hall

Two local bands singing lively star-themed songs in aid of Salisbury Hospital's Stars Appeal

All Week



Astrophotography Displays

12-4pm in St John's Church, and during opening hours in Harry's - On the Square, Coffee Angels and Nadder Centre

Constellation Trail in Tisbury High Street & The Square

A family friendly hunt for the constellations – entry forms £1 in Coffee Angels & Kate Good

Poster Competition Display in Nadder Centre